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FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT: REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. L. Cliquet (Belgium), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution E/CN.9/1996/L.4

The Commission on Population and Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution.

Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the results of the International Conference on Population and Development and the adoption of its Programme of Action, 1/ taking into account General Assembly resolution 49/128 of 19 December 1994, on the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, and General Assembly resolution 50/124 of 20 December 1995 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/55 of 28 July 1995, on the implementation of the Programme of Action,

Having reviewed the report of the Commission on Population and Development at its twenty-ninth session,

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1/ Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

Recalling the terms of reference and multi-year work programme of the Commission,

1. Underlines the need for all the reports prepared as part of its multi-year work programme to be based on comprehensive and reliable information, for the final version of those reports to take fully into account the Commission's observations and for those reports to be widely disseminated in accordance with the terms of reference of the Commission;

2. Underlines also the need to ensure that its deliberations fully reflect its updated and enhanced mandate, taking into account the integrated, multi-disciplinary and comprehensive approach of the ICPD Programme of Action;

3. Welcomes the newly constituted ACC Task Force on Basic Social Services, under the current chairmanship of the United Nations Population Fund, and requests the Task Force to make appropriate arrangements to ensure coordination, collaboration and harmonization in the implementation of all aspects of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development as decided by the Commission at its twenty-eighth session, and continue to report thereon to the Commission;

4. Requests that a revised version of the report on activities of the non-governmental sector in the area of reproductive rights and reproductive health be presented to the Commission at its thirty-first session, in 1998, based on a more comprehensive survey of the sector and a clearer explanation of the selection criteria and categorization of the organizations consulted; and incorporating examples of cooperation between Governments and NGOs, both in developing and developed countries;

5. Requests the Economic and Social Council to consider participation of NGOs on an exceptional basis at the thirtieth session of the Commission in 1997 along the same lines as specified in Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/208 of 9 February 1996;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to make appropriate arrangements for non-governmental organization liaison with the Commission and to ensure full utilization of existing channels for communication with NGOs in order to facilitate broad-based participation and dissemination of information;

7. Requests improved annual reporting on financial flows including allocations/expenditures based on consistent criteria, relating to the costed elements of the Programme of Action, including a clear account of levels and trends of funding by source (bilateral, multilateral (both core and non-core), private, domestic allocations, etc.);

8. Encourages the widest possible dissemination of reports by the United Nations system on progress in implementing the Programme of Action including, wherever possible, through electronic channels of communication and welcomes the intention of the United Nations Population Fund to report on this matter in its annual publication State of the World's Population;

9. Proposes that, in addition to their special coverage in the World Population Monitoring reports, main demographic trends be covered biennially, starting in 1997, in a complementary concise report prepared by the Population Division of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, to be discussed under the agenda item concerning the work programme of the Population Division;

10. Welcomes the encouraging evidence of actions by Governments, international organizations, and the non-governmental sector in response to the challenges of the Programme of Action relating to reproductive rights and reproductive health, and stresses the need for such action to be accelerated and widened, including the need to mobilize additional financial resources as called for by the ICPD Programme of Action;

11. Requests the ACC Task Force on Basic Social Services to coordinate the development of appropriate indicators, taking into account relevant research so that progress in addressing reproductive health needs can, by individual countries, be assessed on a reliable basis;

12. Requests that evidence of further progress in achieving the goals of the Programme of Action be communicated to the Commission on an annual basis through selected publications and documentation from the United Nations Secretariat, including the Population Division, other United Nations bodies, including the United Nations Population Fund, regional commissions and specialized agencies.